

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A digital system integrated on a semiconductor chip, comprising:
2 one or more first bus masters coupled to a first bus in a first clock domain;
3 a programmable logic device coupled to a second bus in a second clock
4 domain;

5 a first bridge coupled between the first and second buses operable to de-
6 couple the first clock domain from the second clock domain.

1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein one of the first bus masters
2 comprises a central processing unit.

1 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more first bus masters
2 are configured to communicate with the one or more second bus slaves coupled to the
3 second bus, via the first bridge.

1 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the programmable logic device
2 comprises a second bus master.

1 5. The system of claim 4, further comprising a second bus bridge
2 coupled between the second bus and the second bus master.

1 6. The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of second bus
2 masters coupled to the second bus.

1 7. A digital system on a semiconductor chip, comprising:
2 a central processing unit (CPU)coupled to a first bus;
3 a programmable logic device (PLD) coupled to a second bus; and
4 a bus bridge coupled between the first and second buses.

1 8. The digital system of claim 7, wherein the first bus operates within
2 a first clock domain and the second bus operates within a second clock domain.

1 9. The digital system of claim 8, wherein the first clock domain is
2 characterized by a first clock frequency that is greater than a second clock frequency
3 characteristic of the second clock domain.

1 8. The digital system of claim 7, wherein the first bus operates
2 within a first clock domain and the second bus operates within a second clock domain.

1 9. The digital system of claim 8, wherein the first clock domain is
2 characterized by a first clock frequency that is greater than a second clock frequency
3 characteristic of the second clock domain.

1 10. The digital system of claim 8, wherein either or both of the first
2 clock frequency and second clock frequency are programmable.

1 11. A digital system on a semiconductor chip, comprising:
2 a central processing unit (CPU) coupled to a first bus in a first clock
3 domain defined by a first bus clock frequency;
4 a plurality of electronic devices coupled to a second bus in a second
5 clock domain defined by a second bus clock frequency;
6 a bus bridge coupled between the first and second buses and operable to
7 allow communication between the CPU at the first bus clock frequency and one of the
8 plurality of electronic devices at the second bus clock frequency;
9 a programmable logic device (PLD) coupled to a third bus in a third
10 clock domain; and
11 a PLD bridge coupled between the second and third buses.

1 12. A device comprising:
2 a first circuit operable in a first clock domain;
3 a first communication media coupled to the first circuit and configured to
4 transfer information;
5 a second circuit operable in a second clock domain;

6 a second communication media coupled to the second circuit and the first
7 communication media, wherein the second communication media configured to
8 transfer information; and

9 a communication circuit coupled to the first and second communication
10 medium and configured to provide communication between the first and second
11 circuits.

1 13. The device of claim 12, wherein the device includes a plurality of
2 circuits deposited on an integrated circuit.

1 14. The device of claim 12, wherein the first circuit is a processor.

1 15. The device of claim 12, wherein the first clock domain provides a first
2 programmable clock frequency.

1 16. The device of claim 15, wherein the frequency of the first
2 programmable clock frequency can be selectively programmed.

1 17. The device of claim 12, wherein the first communication media is a bus.

1 18. The device of claim 12, wherein the information includes data.

1 19. The device of claim 12, wherein the information includes control
2 signals.

1 20. The device of claim 12, wherein the second circuit is a programmable
2 logic device.

1 21. The device of claim 20, wherein the programmable logic device further
2 includes:

3 a plurality of logic cells having at least one programmable circuit arranged in a
4 multiple dimensional array; and

5 at least one interconnector coupled to the plurality of the logic cells and
6 configured to transfer information between the plurality of the logic cells.

1 22. The device of claim 12, wherein the second clock domain includes a
2 second programmable clock frequency.

1 23. The device of claim 22, wherein the first programmable clock frequency
2 has the same frequency of the second programmable clock frequency.

1 24. The device of claim 12, wherein the communication circuit is a bus
2 bridge.

1 25. The device of claim 24, wherein the bus bridge transfers the information
2 between the first and second clock domains.